

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In further response to the above-mentioned Final Office Action:

- (1) Claims 199-212 are herein cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer; and
- (2) New independent claim 213, dependent claims 214-236, independent claim 237, and dependent claims 237-258 have been added.

It is respectfully submitted that the new claims are patentable over the prior art of record including Glowiak. The "numbering means" of these claims are not disclosed in the prior art.

The plurality of indicia according to one aspect of the present invention help align various numbers of tabs, evenly spaced along the document edge, not just one number of tabs. For instance, the indicia can allow for four evenly spaced tabs along the document edge, or five evenly spaced tabs, or six evenly spaced tabs.

FIGS. 3 and 23 show seven examples of "numbering means" which can be used for several different numbers of evenly spaced tabs. These two figures show slightly different indicia schemes, however. In FIG. 3, the indicia are used to identify which set of horizontal lines to use to align "n" tabs. For instance, to align "8" tabs evenly, the user would use the horizontal lines labeled with an "8." In FIG. 23, the indicia are used to identify which horizontal line refers to each tab position once the total number of tabs to be aligned has been identified or selected. For instance, to align "7" tabs evenly, the user would find the column identified with "7 TABS" and use the horizontal lines in that column to align the respective tabs 1-7.

The following paragraphs in the present specification refer to how the indicia can be used to identify the appropriate horizontal lines to use depending on the total number of tabs desired to be spaced evenly: 0010 (end), 0050 (middle), 0056, 0078 (beginning).

Thus, the layout of the indicia and tab position indicators (horizontal lines) allows for multiple sets of indicia and tab position indicators to be clearly designated on the same tool. With multiple sets of indicia and tab position indicators, multiple sets of tabs

can be evenly spaced. That is, the indicia in the current invention can be used to evenly align several different number of tabs. In contrast, the indicia shown in Glowiak each appear to align the same number of tabs, and there is no teaching in the prior art to modify Glowiak to render the claims obvious.

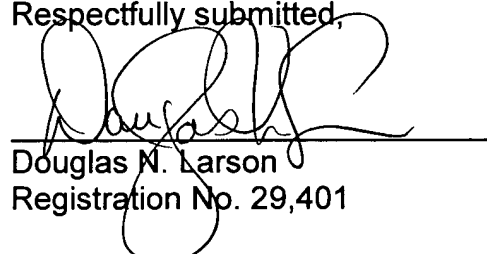
Accordingly, it is respectfully contended that all of the claims now pending are patentable over the prior art of record. Issuance of the Notice of Allowance at an early date is in order.

If there are any remaining issues, the examiner is encouraged to telephone the below-signed counsel at (213) 689-5142 to seek to resolve them.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1853. Should such additional fees be associated with an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

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